



## **Pedestrian/Bicycle Advisory Committee (PBAC) February 12, 2007 – Meeting Summary**

Attendees: Arnold Tomac, Glenn Eades, Bertha Eades, Dave Alm

City Staff: Chester Knapp, Joel Pfundt

### **1. NE 36<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Update**

Continuing the discussion from the December PBAC meeting, Joel Pfundt gave a presentation on the status of the NE 36<sup>th</sup> St Bridge over SR 520. The presentation focused showing pictures of the off-set lid concept, which is the preferred alternative for the crossing of SR 520, and getting comments from the committee on the proposal to put a roundabout in at the intersection of NE 36<sup>th</sup> St/NE 31<sup>st</sup> St and 152<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE.

Comments by the committee were as follows:

- Provide nonmotorized access to Augusta
- Limit two-way left-turn lanes because they are not needed
- Roundabout makes left turns easier for bicyclists
- Roundabouts work well for experienced cyclists, should provide ability for inexperienced cyclists to use the sidewalk, such as ramps
- Provide bike lanes on all legs of this intersection as part of the project
- If this is going to be a very high volume roundabout then the PBAC was concerned because of the lack of gaps for cyclists to use
- Provide signage
- Other cities have these and members of the committee have used them. They seem to work well.
- Does the roundabout cost more?
- This is a key connection to the SR 520 Trail and 152<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE so it must be bicycle and pedestrian supportive.

### **2. 166<sup>th</sup> Ave NE 4-to-3 Lane Conversion**

Joel presented the proposed concept to convert 166<sup>th</sup> Ave NE from NE 85<sup>th</sup> St to NE 104<sup>th</sup> St from 2 through lanes in each direction to 1 through lane in each direction with a two-way left-turn lane and bike lanes. Also, as mentioned to PBAC on prior occasion the City has received a grant to install a traffic signal at 166<sup>th</sup> Ave NE and NE 104<sup>th</sup> St. Analysis by the City shows that the impact to travel times in the corridor will not be significant and the rechannelization will help traffic operations in some ways.

The committee felt that this project's most significant benefit would be for pedestrians by providing separation between vehicles and pedestrians and slowing speeds in the corridor. It would also benefit cyclists by providing them a space to travel. They felt there needed to be flexibility during project design to make sure it meets the needs of all modes, but were supportive of the project. Staff will prepare a letter of support for the chair of the committee to sign.

### **3. PBAC Presence on Redmond Web site ([www.redmond.gov](http://www.redmond.gov))**

Chester Knapp presented a draft Bicycling and PBAC Web pages to be added to the Web site. The committee made the following comments on the Pages:

- Add link to Kirkland and Bellevue bicycling resources
- Revise commute section
- Velodrome – Is it the only one on the west coast? Please research this claim.
- Add projects and routes (this will be done with the next iteration of the Web pages)
- Add links to other bicycle groups – Bike Alliance, Cascade Bike Club
- Add contact for more information

Note: since this meeting the new Web pages have gone live on the Web site.

### **4. NE 65<sup>th</sup> St Trail**

Joel presented the proposed paving and other minor modifications of the soft surface trail on the north side of NE 65th St from E Lake Sammamish Pkwy to 176th Ave NE. This would be in addition to striping bike lanes along the corridor. The committee felt that this project was a nice project but did not consider it a high priority. It may be somewhat premature because the ends haven't been paved (E Lake Sammamish Trail or Trail in Marymoor Park) and the bike function exists with the newly stripped bike lanes. The soft surface trail works well for walkers and joggers and the trees that close to the trail may be affected by the paving. The committee felt more study was necessary and was only supportive of this moving forward quickly if there was some opportunity that could not be passed up. The City will prepare a cost estimate and do more research then report back to the committee before proceeding.

### **5. Other Business**

#### *West Lake Sammamish Parkway Preliminary Design*

Glenn Eades mentioned that the W Lake Sammamish Pkwy Preliminary Design Study Consultant Agreement was approved at the February 6, 2007 Council Meeting. He mentioned that the proposal included the evaluation of roundabouts and that PBAC should think about if this is something the committee should support in the corridor. Staff suggested that they work on developing some criteria and standards for the

application of roundabouts in the City and bring that back to the Committee for their comments.

*SR 520/SR 202 E Lake Sammamish Trail Grade Separation Letter to WSDOT*

Arnie Tomac asked staff about the status of a response to the letter PBAC submitted. Staff has contact WSDOT and they are still working on putting a letter together to respond to the letter PBAC submitted dated January 5, 2007.